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## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims (strikethrough and [[brackets]] indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer comprising:
  - a device body; with
  - a blood sampling device which has comprising a plurality of pricking element elements, wherein each pricking element comprises a working position;[[,]]
  - a testing means for accommodating a minimal quantity of blood; and [[,]] having an analyzer device which comprises comprising an electronic analyzer and having a display device; , together forming a complete system that can be handled as a single device, whereby

wherein, the device body has comprises a pricking position which is assigned to the working position of the pricking element for coming in contact with a skin surface of a user; and

wherein, the device body comprises a charging position designed at another location on the body of the device for charging a minimal quantity of blood; coming from the previously pricked skin surface onto a testing means, whereby a plurality of testing means and pricking elements can be inserted into the device and can be brought one after the other into a working position for performing multiple measurements, whereby when a pricking element is positioned in its working position, the pricking element can be inserted into the skin surface of a user which is brought into the pricking position and blood coming from the skin surface can be charged to a testing means by being brought in contact with the skin surface in the charging position, said testing means being in a working position of the testing means, characterized in that

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wherein, the plurality of testing means and the plurality of pricking elements are arranged on a carrier which, wherein the carrier is rotatable with respect to the body of the device, wherein rotating the carrier aligns the testing means and the pricking elements with different working positions with respect to the body device; and can be inserted together with it

wherein, the carrier is removably inserted into the device body, and by rotating the carrier moves the testing means and the pricking elements—can be brought into different working positions with respect to the body of the device; and

wherein the plurality of pricking elements execute a pricking movement in a radial direction relative to the rotation of the carrier.

- (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the <u>plurality</u>
  <u>of</u> pricking elements and the testing means are arranged on the same carrier,
  <del>which can be handled manually</del>.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a first carrier part for the testing means and a second carrier part for the <u>plurality of pricking elements</u>.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 3, wherein the two first and second carrier parts can be assembled to assemble to form a manually operable unit.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 3, wherein the carrier parts ean be are linked together in a rotationally fixed manner.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier has comprises a central recess, wherein the central recess comprises a drive device for the blood sampling device within which a drive device for the blood sampling device is provided.

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7. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier is designed in the form of comprises a centrally rotatable ring and is rotatable about the center of the ring.

- 8. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a drive device comprising for the carrier includes internal gearing.
- 9 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, wherein <u>before</u> <u>execution of the pricking operation</u> the <u>plurality of pricking elements on the carrier</u> are surrounded by a sterility barrier <del>on the carrier before execution of the pricking operation</del>.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, wherein before execution of a pricking operation, a particular designated pricking element is arranged in a sleeve means, forming wherein the sleeve means comprises a cylindrical space, and wherein the designated pricking element is held by a plunger means which is movable in the sleeve means.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 12, wherein the pricking element forms an injection part of the plunger means, wherein the plunger means comprises designed as a plastic syringe part.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 12, wherein further comprising a sterility barrier [[is]] formed by the sleeve means that is closed on all sides and by the plunger means.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 12, wherein the sleeve means is covered by a film, wherein the film is on [[its]] the sleeve means end facing away from the plunger means.

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16. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 12, wherein the plunger means [[has]] <u>comprises</u> a sealing means with respect to a wall of the cylinder space.

- 17. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to one of Claim 12, wherein multiple sleeve means are joined together in the form of a strip and the ends of the strips joined sleeve means are joined together to form a circular shape.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, wherein the carrier defines comprises multiple recesses, wherein each recess in each of which is arranged to accommodate one of the pricking elements.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 18, wherein a wall which borders bordering at least one of the recesses is designed to be deformable, wherein the wall is so that it can be deflected by a driving device of the blood sampling device to execute the pricking operation.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 19, wherein the wall has comprises weakened zones to facilitate the deformability.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 18, wherein each of the recesses are designed like a trough or like a half shell recess comprises a concave surface.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 18, further comprising a sterility barrier formed by comprising a film-like covering means, wherein the film-like covering means which covers the recesses.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, wherein <u>before</u> executing the pricking operation the pricking elements each carry a safety cap means on a free end thereof <u>before executing the pricking operation</u>.

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24. (Previously Presented) A blood analyzer according to Claim 23, wherein the safety cap means is releasable from the pricking element immediately before execution of the pricking operation.

- 25. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 24, wherein <u>after being</u> released from a designated pricking element, the respective safety cap means ean be is removed from the a path of movement of the pricking element and brought is guided into a receptacle space after being released from the respective pricking element.
- 26. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the test means are arranged on the carrier in such a way that they are axially oriented with respect to the rotatability of the carrier.
- 27. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier has comprises a carrier part having a plane for the test means, wherein the carrier part in particular being in the form of comprises a ring disk, wherein the plane of the carrier part being is oriented perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the carrier.
- 28. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim [[1]] <u>27</u>, <u>wherein the carrier part comprises a plurality of recesses</u>, wherein the test means are provided in recesses of the carrier part, in <u>particular in the form of a ring disk</u>.
- 29. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, <u>further comprising</u> a charging position for charging a quantity of blood, wherein [[a]] <u>the</u> charging position for the blood is covered by <u>comprises</u> a <u>movable</u> removable cover part when it is not needed.
- 30. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 29, wherein the pricking device further comprises a drive device, wherein [[a]] the drive device for the pricking element can be is activated by moving removing the covering part in the direction of releasing the charging position.

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31. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 30, wherein the drive device for the pricking element can be is activated by clamping a spring means.

- 32. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 30, <u>further comprising</u> a <u>manually movable control element</u>, wherein [[a]] <u>the</u> manually movable control element is <u>provided and</u> is connected to the <u>pricking element</u> drive device for the <u>pricking element</u> and to the movable carrier, so that when there is a movement of the control element, the drive device for the <u>pricking element</u> is activated and there is a movement of the carrier.
- 33. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 32, wherein during a first phase of [[the]] movement in a first actuating direction, the control element ean be is brought into a drive connection with the carrier, and wherein during a second phase of the movement, it can be the control element is brought out of the drive connection by moving it in the direction opposite the actuator direction.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 32, wherein <u>further</u> <u>comprising</u> a gear drive is provided for coupling the control element to the carrier.
- 35. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 30, wherein the drive mechanism for the pricking element drive mechanism comprises a bending spring, [[and]] wherein the control element acts on a receptacle for the bending spring and pivots this the receptacle into [[the]] a bending spring bending plane of bending of the bending spring.
- 36. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 35, wherein the bending spring can be is clamped into a stable clamped position across a dead point.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A blood analyzer according to Claim 32, wherein the manually movable control element is formed by the covering part.

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38. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, further comprising a triggering device for actuating the <u>pricking element</u> drive device, <u>wherein the triggering device is for the pricking element that can be operated by contact of the skin surface with the pricking position.</u>

- 39. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 38, wherein the triggering device is formed by comprises a key provided in the pricking position.
- 40. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 38, wherein the deployment triggering device is provided in the pricking position, and [[has]] wherein the triggering device comprises a recess for [[the]] passage of the pricking element [[for]] during execution of the pricking operation.
- 41. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, further comprising a retraction mechanism, wherein by means of which the retraction mechanism retracts a particular pricking element can be retracted directly following the pricking operation.
- 42. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 41, <u>further comprising</u> wherein a spring means is provided for retracting a particular pricking element from the skin surface of the user.
- 43. (Previously Presented) A blood analyzer according to Claim 41, wherein the particular pricking elements pass through a particular spring means.

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44. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 49, wherein as a safety feature the blood analyzer is adapted to allow deployment of deploys the pricking operation only when the device body is being handled properly.

- 45. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 44, wherein <u>between</u> about 5 and 15 test means are handled as a single unit the number of test means that can be handled as one unit amounts to 5 to 15.
- 46. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 44, wherein the device body [[has]] <u>comprises</u> an outside contour <u>comprising</u> that is essentially in the form of a circular disk.
- 47. (Previously Presented) A blood analyzer according to Claim 44, wherein the blood analyzer comprises a time display device.
- 48. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer according to Claim 44, wherein the device body comprises a strip attachable to a user's wrist ean be worn on the wrist of a user by means of a strip that can be attached to it.

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## 49. (Currently Amended) A blood analyzer comprising:

a device body; having

a blood sampling device;[[,]]

an analyzer device;[[,]] and

a display device; and together forming a complete system that

an electronic blood analyzer;

wherein the blood analyzer can be handled as is a single unit;[[,]]

wherein the blood sampling device includes comprises a plurality of pricking elements; and

wherein the analyzer device includes comprises a plurality of testing means each for accommodating a sample of blood; and includes

an electronic analyzer for the blood,

wherein the plurality of testing means and the plurality of pricking elements are arranged on a carrier; that

wherein the carrier is movable with respect to the device body; and that can be wherein the carrier is removably inserted into the device; so that

wherein the testing means and the <u>plurality of pricking elements can be brought</u> one after another into <u>comprise</u> a working position for performing multiple measurements; and[[,]]

wherein when one of the pricking elements is positioned in the working position, the pricking element can be inserted into the skin surface of a user in a pricking operation and the blood coming from the skin surface can be charged to one of the

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testing means for analyzing by the electronic analyzer and outputting analysis results to the display device

wherein the plurality of pricking elements execute a pricking movement in a radial direction relative to the rotation of the carrier.

50. (Currently Amended) A cartridge for use with a blood analyzer device having a body, the cartridge comprising:

a carrier that is <u>rotationally</u> movable with respect to the device body;

a plurality of pricking elements arranged on the carrier, each of the pricking elements for puncturing skin to produce a sample of blood; and

a plurality of testing elements arranged on the carrier, each of the testing elements for accommodating one of the samples of blood,

wherein the cartridge is receivable within the device body with the carrier movable with respect to the device body so that the pricking elements and the testing elements can be brought one after another into a working position for obtaining the blood sample and testing the blood sample; and

wherein the plurality of pricking elements execute a pricking movement in a radial direction relative to the rotation of the carrier.